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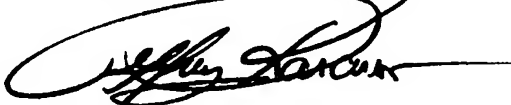
Claims 1-9 are amended hereby. No claims are added or canceled. Accordingly, after entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-9 will remain pending.

No new matter has been introduced by the amendments presented herein. The claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies and reference numerals. The Abstract has been amended to remove the reference numbers. In addition, the Applicant has addressed a few grammatical idiosyncrasies associated with the translation of the claims from Japanese.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully request consideration and allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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